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11. A reading device allowing the implementation of a method of copying according to claim 1, wherein it comprises a formatting circuit adapted for receiving the serial number of the medium onto which the digital data are to be copied and providing as output, formatted data which are dependent on said serial number and are intended to be copied onto said medium.

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12. A recording medium for digital data comprising a serial number which is unique or exhibits a low probability of being common with that of another medium, wherein it furthermore comprises recorded digital data, said digital data being formatted as a function of said serial number and of a secret parameter.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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The present invention relates to a method of copying which avoids the bit-by-bit duplication of digital data as well as to a reading device for implementing the method. According to this method, the medium onto which the digital data are to be duplicated comprises a serial number used to format the digital data read before writing them to said medium. The invention applies in particular to the duplication of DVDs, CDs, magnetic tapes or the like.--

REMARKS

The title has been amended to conform with the translated title of the published application (WO 00/23993).

The specification has been amended to include a reference to the priority applications and more clearly define the application.

The claims have been amended to remove reference indicia and to meet the United States requirements and more clearly define the application.

To meet the requirements of the United States, the Abstract (as originally filed in the PCT application) is added.